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SUBJECT: NARAYANAN WORRIED ABOUT NEPAL AND BANGLADESH, PLEASED WITH MUSHARRAF VISIT

Classified By: Charge Robert O. Blake, Jr. for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

1. (C) Summary: Meeting with SA A/S Rocca and Charge on April 18, Indian NSA MK Narayanan expressed concern about trends in Nepal and Bangladesh: King has no Policy

2. (C) Leading off with a brief discussion on Nepal, Narayanan expressed exasperation that the King had done so little to restore democracy Bangladesh: "On the Precipice"

3. (C) Describing Bangladesh as "on the precipice," the NSA said rural areas were becoming "badly saturated by radical Islamist forces,"

4. (C) Narayanan expressed particular concern about the state of the Bangladeshi intellectual class, which had formerly enjoyed vigorous intellectual life. Pleased with Musharraf Visit

5. (C) On a positive note, Narayanan described the just-concluded visit of President Musharraf to India as a "great love-love situation,"

6. (C) The NSA said PM Manmohan Singh has concluded that he can do business with Musharraf, but that there was a "certain fragility" to the relationship. India Still Considering Equipment Offer

7. (C) Emphasizing USG interest in the safety of the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus, A/S Rocca reminded Narayanan of our outstanding April 1 offer

8. (U) A/S Rocca cleared this cable.

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